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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR BC

SUBJECT: ALLEGED CIA INFILTRATION OF PEACE CORPS

REF: GABORONE 1494

1. SUSPICIONS THAT PCVS ARE CIA AGENTS CONTINUE TO ARISE HERE IN A WAY THAT IS TROUBLESOME AND POTENTIALLY HARMFUL TO PCV OPERATIONS AND MORALE. LATEST ACCUSATION IS REPORTED IN A LETTER FROM A HIGHLY-RESPECTED VOLUNTEER IN NORTHWEST BOTSWANA WHO HAS WRITTEN PCD TAYLOR AS FOLLOWS (NAMES OMITTED).

2. QUOTE I LEARNED SOMETHING YESTERDAY REGARDING (PCV "X'S") TRANSFER AND SUBSEQUENT LEAVING THE (DISTRICT) POST AND THINK MAYBE YOU SHOULD INVESTIGATE IT.

I WAS TOLD THAT THE REAL REASON THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED (PCV "X") MOVED...IS THAT SHE AND (PCV "Y") ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING CIA AGENTS. THEY ARE SUSPECTED OF HAVING BEEN SENT TO (VILLAGE) TO STIR UP ANTI-GOVERNMENT SENTIMENT WITH THE PEOPLE IN (THE AREA).

THIS INFORMATION WAS TOLD TO A MOTSWANA GOVERNMENT OFFICER BY MR. TEMANE (UNDERSECRETARY - URGAN DIVISION)  
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AND MR. MOLOSI (COORDINATOR OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT)...

I HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT THAT THE PERSON WHO TOLD ME WAS TELLING THE TRUTH... UNQUOTE

3. SINCE I AM FAMILIAR WITH THE VOLUNTEER WHO WROTE THE LETTER, AND SINCE THE TWO GOB OFFICIALS ARE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY, I INTEND QUIETLY AND DISCREETLY

TO TAKE STEPS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF GOB TO PUT A STOP TO SUCH  
RUMORS. SINCE I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT ANY ATTEMPT WOULD BE  
MADE TO VIOLATE LONGSTANDING IMMUNITY OF PC FROM CIA  
INFILTRATION, I PROPOSE TO CATEGORICALLY DENY ANY AND ALL  
SUCH ALLEGATIONS AS TOTALLY UNFOUNDED AND TO SAY THAT THE  
IDEA OF SUCH COLLABORATION IS PREPOSTEROUS.  
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